Expenditure on salaries to Government employees

*548. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is considerable increase in expenditure on salaries to Government employees since the year 2003-04 and the number of employees has also increased;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the increase recorded during the year 2004-05 compared to the year 2003-04; and

(c) the estimated amount to be spent during the year 2005-06 on the same?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The actual expenditure on salaries of the Central Government employees (excluding Defence personnel) for 2003-04 was Rs.32,154 crores. The actual figures for 2004-05 and 2005-06 are not yet available. The Revised Estimate for 2004-05 is Rs.35,339.13 crores and the Budget Estimate for 2005-06 is Rs.37,234.33 crores.

The actual strength of the Central Government employees (excluding Defence personnel) has decreased from 33,17,334 in the year 2003 to 33,12,237 in the year 2004. The actual strength for 2005 is not available.

(c) The Budget Estimate on expenditure on salaries for 2005-06 stands at Rs.37,234.33 crores.

Proposals for big irrigation projects

*552. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for big irrigation projects all over the country pending with the Central Government for approval; and

(b) the number of proposals which pertain to Orissa and Himachal Pradesh and the number of these proposals which have been approved and their present status?

* Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) There are 183 project proposals (94 major irrigation and 89 medium irrigation) received from various State Governments for investment clearance of Central Government. Out of these 82 projects (50 major irrigation and 32 medium irrigation) were accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources for investment approval subject to compliance of a few observations by the State Governments. The remaining 101 projects (44 major irrigation and 57 medium irrigation) are under various stages of appraisal by the Central appraising agencies. The clearance of the projects depends upon the promptness with which the State Governments comply with the observations of the Central appraising agencies. The State-wise number of projects accepted by the Advisory Committee and under appraisal are given in Statement-I (See below).

Proposals for 2 irrigation projects of Himachal Pradesh and 11 irrigation projects of Orissa have been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources for investment approval subject to compliance of a few observations by the State Governments. 1 project proposal of Himachal Pradesh and 3 of Orissa are under various stages of appraisal by the Central appraising agencies. After obtaining the investment approval, the State Governments are executing these projects through various programmes. The status of the major and medium irrigation projects given investment approval during the last ten years is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise abstract of new projects

Sl N	States	Major			Medium			Total		
		A	B	Total	A	B	Total	A	B	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	7	11	6	10	16	10	17	27
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Bihar	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	2	4
5.	Chhattisgarh	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
6.	Goa, Daman, Diu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
8	. Harvana	-	2	2	1	-	1	1	2	3
9.	Himachal Pradesh	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	3
10	J&K	1	-	1	7	2	9	8	2	1C
11	Jharkhand	3	4	7	-	-	-	3	4	7
12	Karnataka	1	3	4	1	-	1	2	3	5
13	Kerala	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	, 1	2
14	Madhya Pradesh	6	4	10	-	-	-	6	4	10
15	Maharashtra	10	7	17	30	7	37	40	14	54

Sl. No	States	Major			Medium			Total		
		A	B	Total	A	B	Total	A	B	Total
16.	Manipur	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2
17.	Meghalaya	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
18.	Nagaland	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
19.	Orissa	2	4	6	1	7	8	3	11	14
20	Punjab	4	1	5	2	1	3	6	2	8
21.	Rajasthan	3	5	8	6	-	6	9	5	14
22	Skkkn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Tamil Nadu	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2
24	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Uttar Pradesh	4	6	10	1	-	1	5	6	11
26	Uttaranchal	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
27	West Bengal	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
	GRAND TOTAL.	44	50	94	57	32	89	101	82	183

A-Project under various stages of appraisal.

B-Accepted by the advisory committee of Mowr subject to certain observations

Statement-II

Status of major medium irrigation projects in Himachal Pradesh and Orissa approved by Planning Commission from April 1995 to January2005

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estt. Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Benefits (Th. ha.)	Implemented under the programme	Likely date of completion
HIMACHAbPRADESH					
1.	Shahnahar Irrigation Project	143.32	24.76	AIBP	XPlan
2.	Sidhata Irrigation Project Lift	33.62	3.150	AIBP	XPlan
3.	Irrigation Project in Changer Area	28.37	3.041	AIBP	XPlan
ORISSA					
1.	Bagh Barrage Irrigation Project	44.71	9.660	NABARD	XPlan
2.	Subernarekha Irrigation Project	790.92	187.462	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
3.	Bagha Lati Irrigation Project	45.44	6.050	NABARD	XPlan
4.	Rengali Irrigation Left Bank Canal (II)	705.15	177.652	WB.JBIC	Beyond XPlan
5.	Rengali Irrigation R. B. C.	738.27	170.85	AIBP	
6.	Lower Indra Irrigation Project	211.70	38.87	AIBP	Beyond XPlan

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estt. Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Benefits (Th. ha.)	Implemented under the programme	Likely date of completion
7.	Lower Suktel	217.13	29.845	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
8.	Improvement to Sason Canal System	34.92	26.051	AIBP	XPlan
9.	Kanupur Irrigation Project	428.32	47.709	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
10.	Telengiri Irrigation Project	106.18	13.83	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
11	Ret. Irrigation Project	86.14	9.775	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
12.	Chheligada Dam Project	52.96	3.120	AIBP	Beyond XPlan
13.	Anandpur Barrage Project Across River Baitarani	482.26	56.72	AIBP	XPlan

AIBP -Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme
NABARD - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
WB- World Bank
JBIC - Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Requirement of pilots

*553. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have visualised the likely growth of air traffic from India in the next five years and the requirement of qualified pilots for the purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the pilots now working with many leading Asian Airlines are Indian because they are offered better salaries and other perks as compared to Air India and Indian Airlines;

(c) if so, Government's views thereon; and

(d) the total capacity of flying clubs and training academies in India to train qualified pilots per year and whether the Ministry is considering to increase the training centres for pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) According to Government's assessment, growth in aviation sector is likely to continue over the next five years and beyond leading to increased demand of qualified pilots.